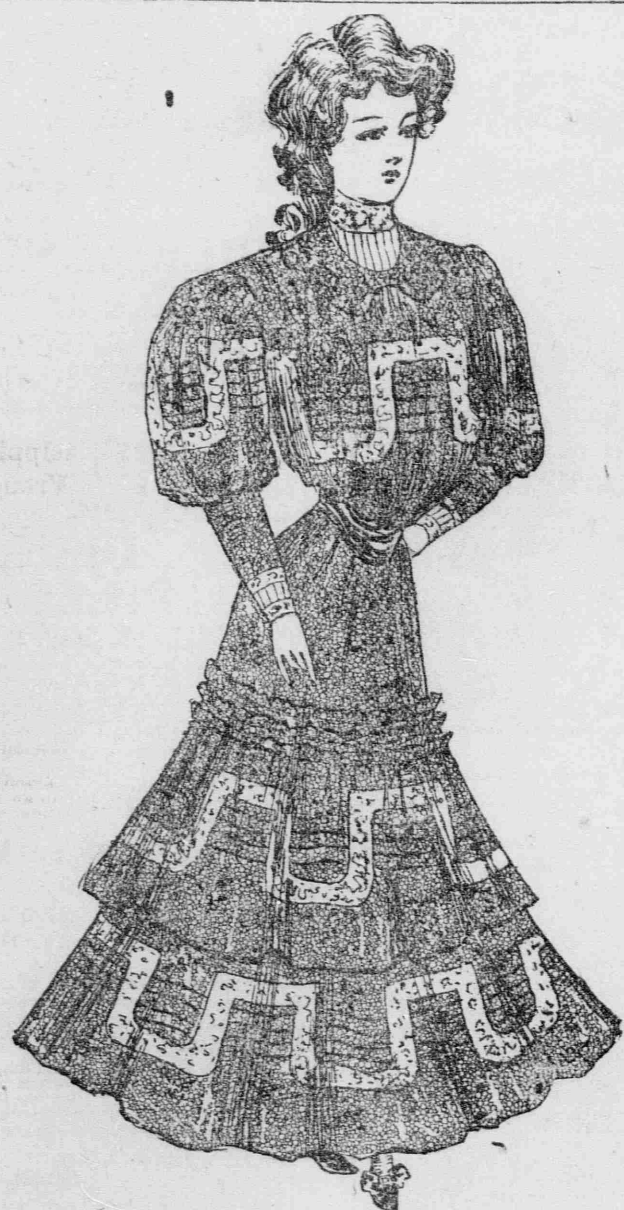


HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



DAINTY DESIGN IN CHALLIS.

The insertion of a square meshed flit lace, applied in a modification of the Greek key pattern, gives this simple little gown of printed challis in rose pink quite a marked cachet of its own. The throat is cut low and filled in with collar of the lace and chemise of tucked mousseline. The bodice follows blouse lines, three deep tucks running around the body, the sleeve following suit; and over the tucks the lace is applied in square scallops. The skirt is scantily shirred to the band, the breadths being somewhat gored. Two shaped volants, each with a trifle of shirring at the top, are spaced from above the knee to the hem, the top one having two little ruffles of the bias challis for a heading. Each flounce has three deep tucks midway between top and hem; and over these tucks the lace is applied in the same fashion as on the blouse and the sleeve. A feathered bodice in black velvet ribbon makes a very piquant touch by way of contrast, and the bow on the hair is of the same. The length of the skirt, just short enough to display the shiny black shoe, is the correct one for the demoiselle of sixteen to eighteen.

DAINTY BRIDAL GIFTS OF LINEN FOR THE BOUDOIR AND HOUSE

Embroidery and Lace Appear on Cases and Coverings as Well as Table Pieces.

Many dainty articles suitable for bridal gifts are to be had in the shops where fine linens are sold.

While the experienced housewife knows that linen ranks in value as an offering with frankincense and myrrh, and is equally expensive, still there are gifts to be had at small cost which are both acceptable and pretty to look at.

Nothing could be more charming than the lingerie pillow for the boudoir couch. This is nine inches wide by thirteen inches long, covered with soft China silk and having a lovely slip made of sheer linen lawn and Val. It is oblong, of course, to match the pillow, and open at either end, with ruffles of wider lace.

Most of the slips have ribbon run through them in slits which are button-holed for the purpose. Others are trimmed with wide beading through which the ribbon is drawn, to tie in a bow at one side. All have the frills of lace, however, for this seems to be a distinct feature of the pillows, which are meant to rest the head upon and used in addition to the regular pillows on one's boudoir.

Dainty Head Rests.

These attractive downy head rests sell for \$3 to \$8, including the slip. The latter may be bought separately for \$3 to \$4, or higher if more elaborate design or richer lace is desired. Fine muslin, dotted Swiss or very sheer linen may be employed for the purpose, and lace motifs applied or strips of wide beading used as additional trimming, not forgetting the ribbon nor the frills of lace at either end. They may be four or five inches wide, or only two

inches, if used as edging to a ruffle of the material.

Another pretty little gift which is quite novel is the set of three linen mats to cover asbestos table protectors. The latter are oval in shape, a half-inch thick, and intended to place beneath hot dishes. There is a large size for a platter, and two smaller for vegetable dishes.

The linen covers are made double and an inch larger all round than the mats. They are "tucked" at either end, and at one side; the other side being left open to allow slipping the mats between.

The linen for each cover is cut in two pieces; the under piece is scalloped and buttonholed in white linen thread; the upper piece has an added pattern around the edge, a "dot" within each scallop, or a fleur de lys, or a floral garland. This is a distinctly practical gift and would certainly be appreciated by any housewife.

Peignoir Holders.

Nightgown holders offer an idea as a linen gift. They are made of a fine, but not sheer, quality of the material, and are twelve by fifteen inches, with a flap which buttons. A lovely case of this sort which was intended as a gift to a bride was a very fine white linen lined with white China silk. The flaps were scal-

loped, and the edges buttonholed with white floss, and the bride's monogram was embroidered below it in four-inch letters.

Another seemingly homely gift, but which was really most attractive, consisted of twelve linen face cloths, each one having a tiny monogram embroidered in linen thread in one corner.

These were hand hemstitched, presented in a pretty white box, and tied with white satin ribbon.

A set of trunk or bureau sachets is another desirable present. These may be made from very fine handkerchiefs, of hand woven linen if one can afford the additional cost. They should be made in sets of half a dozen at least. Each dainty kerchief is edged with fine narrow lace, then it is turned in triangular shape over a pad of cotton batting containing sachet powder of some delicate sort, and covered with white China silk. Of course the pad must be shaped to fit the triangle of the handkerchief, and must be made a trifle smaller so that the edges of the latter will meet over it, and allow of being "tucked" in place.

If one wishes to go into the scheme very elaborately the covers may fasten by means of loops of linen thread and tiny buttons. The bride's monogram may also be embroidered in the point of the triangle if liked. These must be tied two together, with inch wide satin ribbon. They will come in squares, and must be placed in a white box, each square over another. They make the daintiest imaginable gift, and the fine handwork entailed will be appreciated by any woman who is fond of pretty toilet adjuncts.

THE POLO TURBAN

Is the Most Fetching Little Model Worn This Season.

Nothing that the season has developed is more noteworthy than the sudden rush to favor of the little polo turbans and the almost infinite variety in which they are shown. Extremely small, judged by the standard to which we have grown accustomed, they are, nevertheless, jaunty and chic, and a piquant air to all those to whom they are becoming and really add to our indebtedness of the season. During the week, the warm days of which have brought forth spring hats galore, we have had an opportunity to see the little turbans in numbers and to rejoice almost without reservation over their smart and a sweeping plume, there seeming to be no feather too long, no bunch of flowers too big to decorate the hats which in themselves are almost tiny, yet in spite of this apparent incongruity they are really delightful to look upon and most charming in effect. For evening wear they are shown made entirely of tiny lace frills or of lace frills combined with nancy tulle or tulle and big bunch of flowers uniformly decorating the left side.

The Home Doctor.

Medicines should be kept in a wall closet, so high as to be wholly out of reach by childish hands. Have double doors to it, each with a separate and secure lock catching in a bar at the middle.

All the inside ought to be cut up into pigeon holes. In one side keep everything that is even remotely poisonous. In the other store such stuff as arsenic, borax, bicarbonate of soda, prepared chalk, blue mass, quinine, castor oil, rhubarb, Epsom, Rochelle, and Carlsbad salts, alum, dry cuppers, spirits turpentine, spirits camphor, alcohol, whiskey, brandy, all the family of herbs and barks, and bandages, finger stalls, adhesive plaster, burn salves, healing salves, dry mustard, and healing lotions.

Wrap the medicine bottles in paper to exclude light, and label them outside in addition to labeling the bottles. Never put a half-used prescription nor any medication of unknown composition in this closet. Throw away any composition left over, there is no telling what changes time may work in it.



A POPULAR MODEL.

The above model has won first place among the new millinery concocts as one becoming to most faces. In black chip, with a band of white around trim, and American Beauty roses on top and at back, the effect is strikingly beautiful.

For Lingerie Waists.

A pretty conceit which applies to lingerie, separate waists and tub dresses is to soften with a narrow roll of Valenciennes the embroidery medallions that adorn so many of these concoctions. The material is cut from under the embroidery and slightly rounded in a curve upward, back and front. All the blouses of the moment and it is safest to speak of the new models in this evanescent way because in these feet-footed days one cannot tell how long a style will last—have high-draped waistbands and sleeves that incline to the skirt mode.

Home Hintlets.

In Case of Accident—A supply drawer containing bandages, plasters, and other necessities, in case of sudden illness or accident, is a great household convenience.

Old Shoes as Ironholders—Cut pieces of the shape you need from the back of any old shoe you have, place one between two or three pieces of cloth, and sew round in the usual way. The leather will keep all heat from the hands.

Creamed Hashed Potatoes—Chop cold boiled potatoes fine; season them with salt and pepper; fill them in a baking dish; pour over sufficient good milk or cream to just cover, and put in a quick oven until nicely browned.

To Clean Light Satin Shoes—This can quite well be done at home. Get a small bottle of spirits of wine, take a piece of new flannel, dip it in the spirit, and rub the shoes lengthways, turning the flannel as it gets soiled.

A Good Plan.

Be too reserved rather than too much given to confidences to acquaintances.

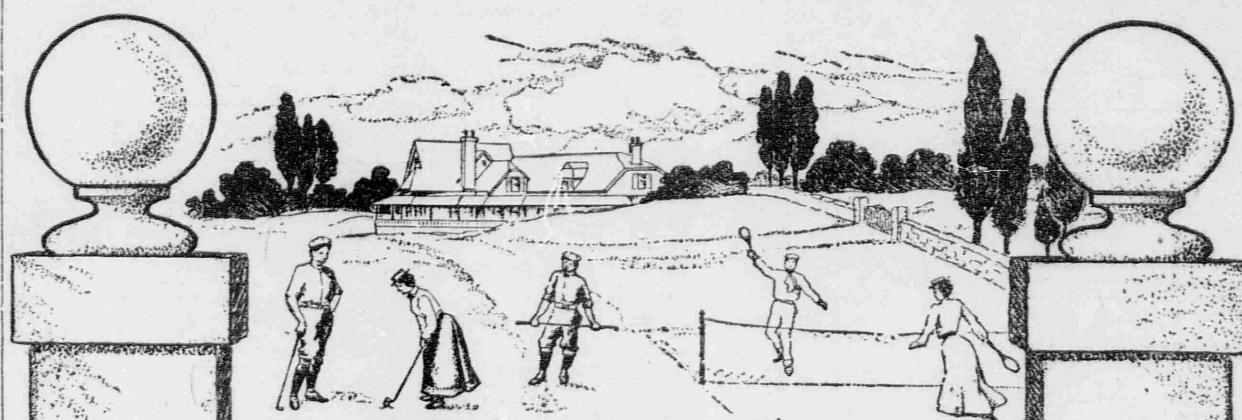
The most momentous affairs of your life are of little consequence or interest to the greater part of the people you meet. What you have suffered or done is of little moment to them. You may be burning with your wrongs and bursting with anxiety to relate them to somebody, but to 99 out of every 100 people you meet the story would be only faintly amusing. It would hardly be remembered by them two hours after you had told it.

It is a good plan to think over these truths, to keep them in heart and to promptly quench in one's self that egotistical longing to tell our little tale of woe to anyone who will sit and listen to it. We are not likely to be sorry that we refrained from speaking. We may be exceedingly sorry that we did speak.

The realization that we as individuals in our day to day experience are of small account to the world at large must come if we would carry strong, healthy minds. We must find consolation and compensation in ourselves, and when we have done so we no longer feel the need of an indiscriminate confidant.

Salt.

Salt may be made useful in many directions besides table use. First, as a tooth powder it will keep the gums hard and the teeth beautifully white. Also, if you have had a tooth extracted and the bleeding does not stop, rinsing the mouth with salt and water will prove a quick remedy. Mixed with hot water, it makes a good gargle for sore throat, and if a little is put with lemon juice, stains on fingers from ink, peeling potates, etc., will be easily removed. When tencaps are discovered rub a little salt on the stains before washing them and the blemish quickly disappears.



THE WINNING STROKE

If more than ordinary skill in playing brings the honors of the game to the winning player, so exceptional merit in a remedy ensures the commendation of the well informed, and as a reasonable amount of outdoor life and recreation is conducive to the health and strength, so does a perfect laxative tend to one's improvement in cases of constipation, biliousness, headaches, etc. It is all important, however, in selecting a laxative, to choose one of known quality and excellence, like the ever pleasant Syrup of Figs, manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co., a laxative which sweetens and cleanses the system effectually, when a laxative is needed, without any unpleasant after effects, as it acts naturally and gently on the internal organs, simply assisting nature when nature needs assistance, without gripping, irritating or debilitating the internal organs in any way, as it contains nothing of an objectionable or injurious nature. As the plants which are combined with the figs in the manufacture of Syrup of Figs are known to physicians to act most beneficially upon the system, the remedy has met with their general approval as a family laxative, a fact well worth considering in making purchases.

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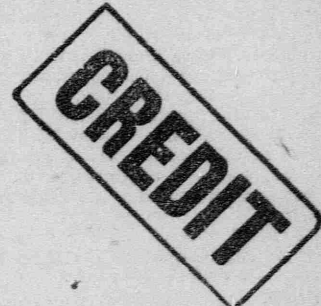
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